

# 2015 RPA STAMP OLYMPIAD

December 10, 2016

## ANSWERS



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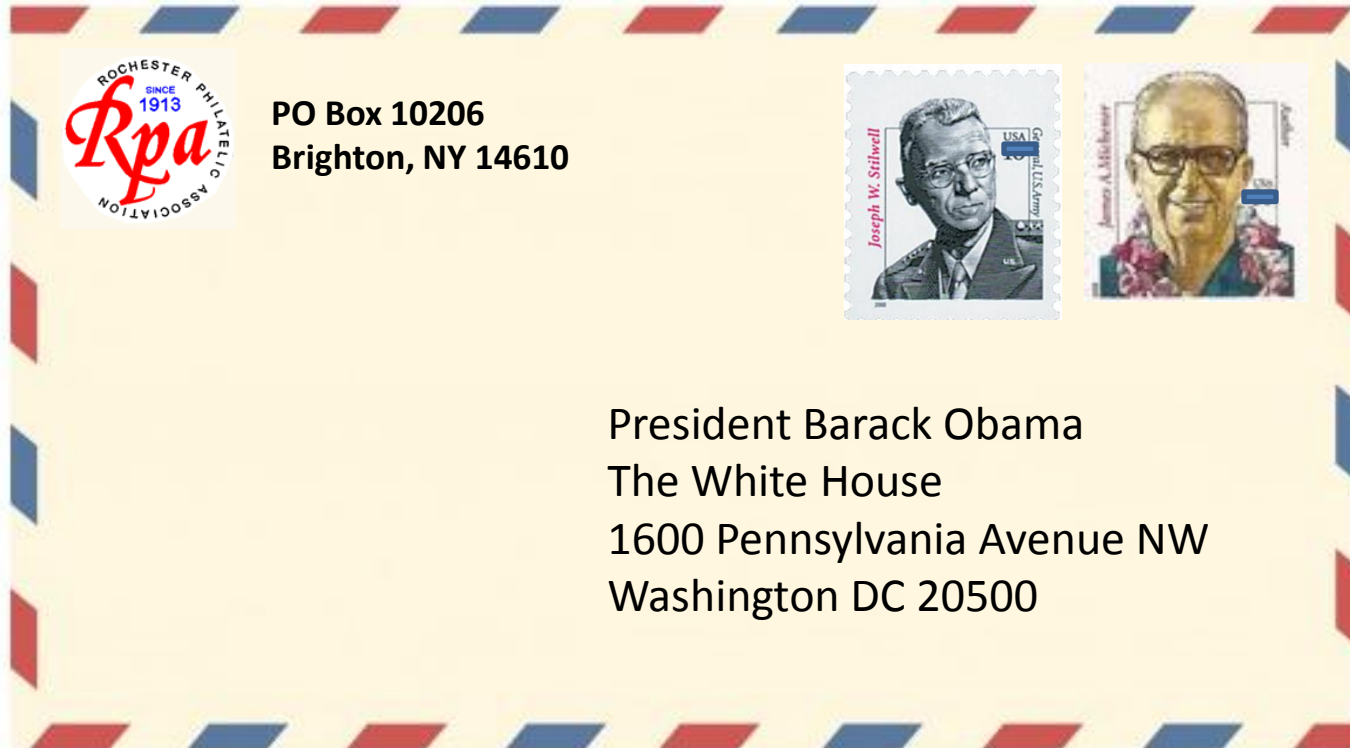


1984

Do I get a sweet if I promise not to cry?

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How much postage is on this envelope ?



A. 56 cents

B. 49 cents

C. 76 cents

D. 69 cents

E. 86 cents

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President Barack Obama  
The White House

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PO Box 10206  
Brighton, NY 14610



Served in China  
Burma India region  
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*Afghan Tiger*

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Scott #1 (1903)

*Overprint of*  
New Zealand #84 (1900)

Mt. Cook - (12,218')

# Cook Islands – 15 islands 93 square miles



- All are summits of extinct volcanoes, formed above a mantle hot spot as Pacific plate moved west. *Think Hawaii, but with much more complex oceanic plate geometry.*
- Given the tropical environment, the islands are now surrounded by coral reef development. Some have atolls (lagoons into the sunken volcanic crater surrounded by ridges of volcanic rock or older limestone reefs). Aitutaki is an atoll.
- New Zealand is an “island arc” volcanic chain (like Japan), as the denser Pacific ocean plate is subducted beneath the Australian continental plate



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**Closed in late 1980's**

**What is Climax, Colorado known for and why did the Post office close?**

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**Climax  
Molybdenum Mine,  
1924-1988**



Re-opened briefly in 2012, currently maintained in hopes of strengthening molybdenum prices. Both open-pit and underground mining.

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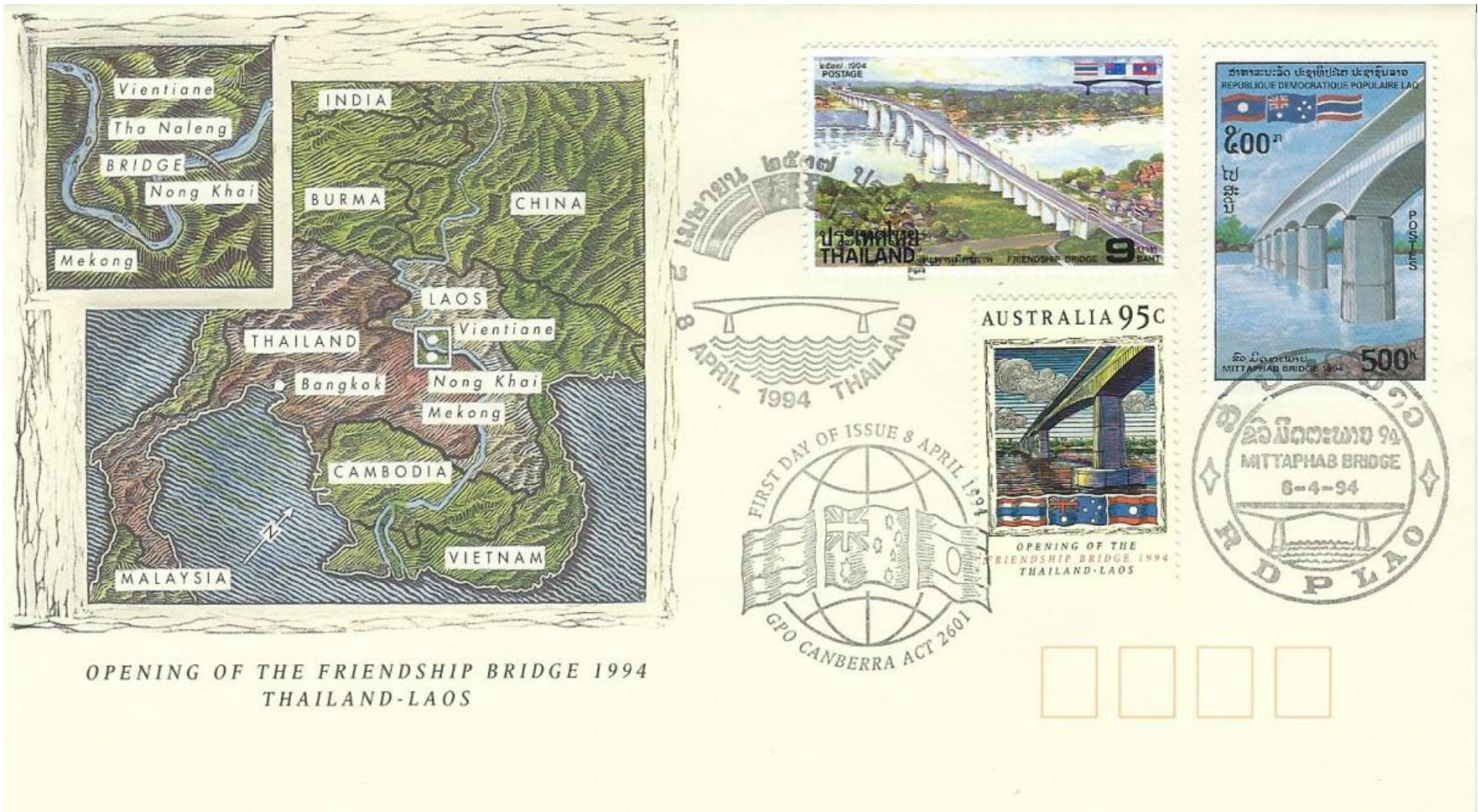
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*What is the third country to honor this bridge at its opening in 1994?*



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#1, 1998  
(32 + 8)



#2, 2002  
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#3, 2003  
(37 + 8)



#4, 2011(44 + 11)

# Time to Hand out Prizes !!

